FAVERSHAM PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY.

REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1905.

During the past year 4 cases of infectious disease occurred on board of barges in the Port of Faversham, viz., 3 of diphtheria and 1 of typhoid. All were removed to hospital and all recovered. In all cases thorough disinfection has been carried out and no further cases have arisen. As the Port floating hospital was found unfit for occupation and altogether useless, it has been disposed of and the Authority is dependent on neighbouring Authorities for hospital accommodation. Doubtless this will be remedied when the constitution of the Port is in a more settled condition. No case of death or serious illness has occurred in the Port during the year. Small pox has fortunately been absent.

The number of vessels arriving at the Port of Faversham during the year is 8714, as against 9835 in the previous year. This includes the creeks of Faversham, Milton, Conyer and Oare. Of this number there were 36 from foreign parts.

Number of inspections during the year:

	Faversham.	Oare.	Milton.	Conyer.	Total.
By Inspector	655	560	1582	210	3007
By Medical Officer	39	20	52	19	130

Attention has been given to questions of water storage and ventilation and also to the prevention of nuisance from cargoes of an offensive nature. There are many of these as many of the barges going up to London with bricks return here laden with manure or breeze. The foreign trade of the Port consists of timber-laden ships from ports in the Baltic. This is not large in amount and has caused no trouble during the year. The larger coasting trade is chiefly colliers from the North and steamers with railway material from home ports.

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